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Educational studies in Legitimation Code Theory

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Education and knowledge have never been more important to society, yet research is segmented by approach, methodology or topic. Legitimation Code Theory or 'LCT' extends and integrates insights from Pierre Bourdieu and Basil Bernstein to offer a framework for research and practice that overcomes segmentalism. This book shows how LCT can be used to build knowledge about education and society. Comprising original papers by an international and multidisciplinary group of scholars, *Knowledge-building* offers the first primer in this fast-growing approach.

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- relating theory and practice in praxis
- conducting interdisciplinary studies with systemic functional linguistics

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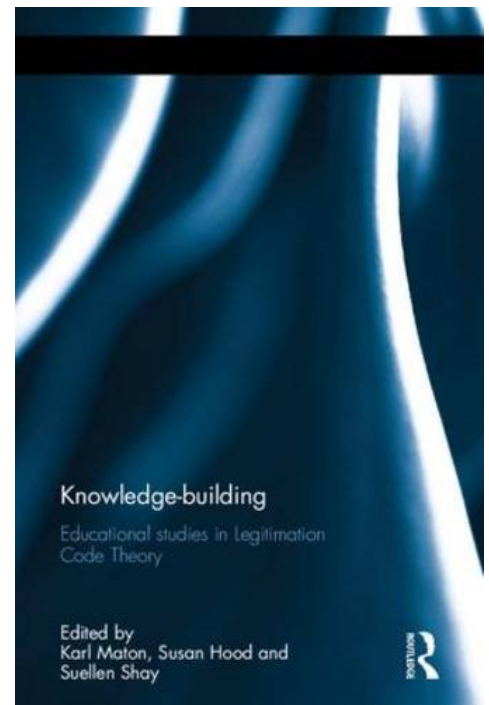
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